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SOCIETY NEWS AND NOTES

Recent Meetings

On April 25 Mr. & Mrs. (Robert & Luella) Lutz presented a helpful and informed discussion of their genealogical finds in Denmark. A letter of inquiry to a Burgomaster published in his local press was eventually answered by a challenged reader, a local citizen. After more correspondence, he became the host and sometime guide when they finally arrived in his city. Colored slides of north Friesland area and family homes located through detailed "House Histories" and "Fire Books" were shown. These two records furnished family names, dates and sequences which made a trunk full of memorabilia become a family history.

Glenn Ruggles, teacher of history and government at Walled Lake High School and worker with a high school genealogy group, discussed Irish Genealogy on May 23, 1982. A book of special interest: Irish & Scotch-Irish Research, by Margaret Dixon Fally was mentioned. Three research addresses are: General Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin; Public Records Office, 4 Courts, Dublin, 7, Ireland; Ulster Historical Foundation, 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast, BT9-6NY, Northern Ireland.
"From These Stones", a 15 minute documentary film with dulcimer music and photos, was shown. Published in 1978 by Ruggles and Humitz, it concerns a church located one mile north of Union Lake, Oakland County, started about 1834 by eight Irish Catholics from Tipperary, Ireland. The names found in the church yard were matched with photos which were collected in the area of St. Patrick's Chapel. Mr. Ruggles shared information he has learned of computer genealogical research through educational systems and gave the names of several people knowledgeable in these programs.

Our annual picnic was held at the home of Bob and Luella Lutz near Pinckney. Despite the threat of rain attendance was good, the potluck lunch was delicious, and everyone had an anecdote or bit of research to contribute to the program. Many thanks to Bob and Luella for a fine afternoon.

Attention Genealogists

Amendment 333.2888 to House Bill 1978 PA 368 will be introduced when the Michigan legislature reconvenes in August. Meet with or write to your Respresentative and Senator and encourage them to co-sponsor the amendment as follows: The DEPARTMENT AND ..."LOCAL CUSTODIANS OF PERMANENT LOCAL RECORDS SHALL PERMIT ANY PERSON TO INSPECT MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS AND THE INDEXES THERETO FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION." Note that birth records are not included, as it appears more expedient to let this lay awhile. As the law is now written, the county clerks do not have to let us see the records. If we do nothing with this amendment, the records may be closed permanently to us.

Explain to the Rep that the need exists, that the Michigan Genealogical Council has decided to ask for the enactment of this amendment. This amendment legalizes procedures which have been followed by county clerks. It will cost nothing. Ask whether your Rep would be willing to co-sponsor the introduction of the bill/ amendment into the State House.- emphasize that many Representatives will be co-sponsoring it. Follow the same procedure in a meeting with your Senator. When you have an answer from both, report immediately to your Legislative Committee, 2420 Newport Drive, Lansing, 48906, 1-517-321-0945 OR to GSWC President Trudy Potter, 426-3550.

As a taxpayer, all members carry a lot of weight this election year. There are a lot of genealogists in Michigan and the legislature is becoming aware of our presence. Remind your Representative and Senator that you will be watching their votes.

For more information, call Trudy Potter, phone above, OR Ed Sayer, 668-7692, OR Mary Liskow, 483-1395.

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Terry Stollsteimer, a resident of Plymouth, has been doing research on his family for fifteen years. He is an architect with Chrysler and also spends time with his young family. Terry and his wife, Lynne, are preparing for a trip to Germany this September for further research.

Connie Olsen, a new member of GSWC, has been teaching a genealogy class for the last year for the American Association of University Women, Ann Arbor.

We thank Margaret Sias, a long-time member of GSWC, for delving into the history of Freedom Township pioneers for us. Margaret has agreed to join the Capers staff.

Lydia Muncy, one of our founding members, has long realized that the pursuit of genealogy can be greatly enriched when combined with the study of local history.

Ragene (Lamming) Rowland was raised in Manchester, and is a graduate of the U. of M. and also the U. of Chicago. She has been a teacher and, later, a social worker with the American Red Cross. She is assisting Dr. Koss in the collection of Feldkamp family material for publication and has done research in England on her Parr family. She also saves time and interest for her family, including grandchildren.

George Wieland, a consultant in social psychology, received his PhD in 1965 from the U. of M. He is researching the culture and character of Schwabens in America. To document Schwaben character and discover what parts have endured, what parts have bent and adapted, he is actively seeking to interview Schwaben descendants in all localities.

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CORRECTION

Please make the following correctionsto Volume 5:4 (April, 1982):
p.107. Alline Hanson, first daughter of Wm.& Rosanna Hanson. Change to Ollive.
p.97. add "to be continued" after the name SEITZ, CATHERINE, column one.

SOME NOTES ON SCHALE, WESTPHALIA

by David Koss

Schale recently has been incorporated into the larger village of Hopsten. Some there say, "Schale is no more." That is not true. It remains an entity in itself, still a country village on the flatlands of the Westphalian-Hannoverian border. Its incorporation is administrative and little affects the appearance of the quiet hamlet.

Some complain that they can not find Schale on the map. That is not surprising because the population today is only about 1200 including the rural families of the parish. It was about that size over 100 years ago when Schale families emigrated to America. Roughly it is about 30 miles north of the city of Münster, the capital of the province of Westphalia, and a little less than that from the Dutch border. Because of its proximity to the Netherlands some families from Schale have identified with the Dutch. The Dutch family of Dresselhuys traces its ancestry to Schale and other names like Elfrink, Landwer and Veltkamp are known in the Netherlands. Many Schale people, both men and women, worked and lived in Holland before the option of emigrating to America became common.

Historically the area of Schale has passed through various hands. Today Schale is in the northern tip of the province of Westphalia, now technically called Nordrhein-Westfalen. Westphalia is a general term for that area of Germany roughly opposite the southern part of the Netherlands, but in the middle ages it was divided into a great many little "countdoms" and "lorddoms." One of these was ruled over by the Counts of Tecklenburg, hence the subdivision of Kreis (county) Tecklenburg in modern times. When Konrad Count of Tecklenburg died in 1557 the old line came to an end but the county passed through his daughter to the Counts of Bentheim-Tecklenburg who in 1707 found their territory annexed to Prussia. Thus the people of Schale were Prussians and served in the Prussian army. During political upheaval in Napoleonic times the county of Tecklenburg was caught in the middle of French and German claims. In 1807 Napoleon made it a part of the grandduchy of Berg, ruled for a time by his brother-in-law, Joachim Murat. That arrangement didn't last long. Murat was transferred to Italy where he was made King of Naples, and Tecklenburg and the surrounding areas were annexed to France itself in 1810 with Napoleon I as emperor. With the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815, the territory reverted to Prussia. Prussia came to dominate all Germany in 1871 and the Prussian king became the German Emperor, but that was after most of our Schale families had quit the Fatherland for Michigan and Illinois.

Religiously Schale was Protestant since the Reformation. Count Konrad of Tecklenburg, referred to above, introduced the Reformation faith to his domain and is said to have married his illegitimate daughter to the first Protestant pastor at Schale. The church at Schale did not develop into a Lutheran church, but became Reformed or Calvinist. The Reformed Church is often said to be the same as the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. That is why very few of the immigrant generation of Schale people were Lutheran in this country. Instead they have been affiliated with two different Evangelical churches - the Evangelical Association which became the Evangelical United Brethren Church and is now a part of the United Methodist Church, and the Evangelical Synod which became the Evangelical and Reformed Church and is now a part of the United Church of Christ.

Ecomonically Schale was agricultural pure and simple. The early immigrants in Washtenaw County were following the livelihood they had known in Germany, except that they wanted to own their own farmland. There was no nobility or aristocratic elite at Schale - the closest thing to it would be the mayor, the pastor and their connections. Nearly everybody was engaged in labor on farms which were small by American standards. Some families had larger holdings, some less, but most of the people were Heuerling (a cognate of our English word hireling) or tenant farmers. These people were often related to the land owner on whose property they lived and worked, but there was little chance of getting ahead unless one were the oldest son, or in some cases the oldest daughter. Rumors of cheap land across the seas in America were a powerful magnet. As a general rule the emigrant from Schale came seeking land as did most Germans in the last century.

Culturally they were simple country folk but almost completely literate. There was a school at Schale, what we would call in America the common school or about an eighth grade level. Young people were expected to be sufficiently educated to pass religious instruction and be confirmed in their teenage years. Nearly all did so. While they were instructed in so-called high German, they spoke Platt-Deutsch or so-called low German at home. Low German does not signify low culture, low status or cultural and economic poverty as many Americans think. It was simply the dialect spoken across northern Germany. At Schale it was very similar to Dutch and seemed to many Schale descendants in America to be about halfway between English and German.

Unfortunately for most Americans, works are locked in German that pertain to Schale, Tecklenburg and Westphalia. Friedrich Ernst Hunsche of Ibbenbueren, Kreis Tecklenburg has recently published a history of Schale, which I have not seen. Reinhold Köttker, the schoolmaster at Schale, wrote a nice eight page illustrated pamphlet DIE KIRCHE DER EVANGELISCHEN GEMEINDE SCHALE (The Church of the Evangelical Congregation at Schale) in 1978. Other important works on the county of Tecklenburg are Anton Rosen, KIRCHE UND KIRCHSPIEL IM TECKLENBURGER LAND (Church and Parish in the Land of Tecklenburg) (1954) and Wolfgang Leesch, SCHATZUNGS- UND SONSTIGE HOEFEREGISTER DER GRAFSCHAFT TECKLENBURG 1494 BIS 1831 (Tax Lists and Other Farm Registers of the County of Tecklenburg) (1974). An important book on the emigrants themselves is WESTFAELISCHE AUSWANDERER (Westphalian Emigrants) (1966) which is volumes 22-24 of the series BEITRAEGE ZUR WESTFAELISCHEN FAMILIENFORSCHUNG (Contributions to Westphalian Family Research) (1966). Many of the Schale emigrants who came before 1850 are mentioned by name.

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1870 MORTALITY, FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

Family Number	Name	Age	Sex	Mar. Stat.	Pl. of Birth	Month of Death	Occ.	Cause of D.
35	Margaret Fritz	47	F	m	Baden	June	KeepH.	consumption
38	Frederick Stable	3/12	M		Mich.	Aug		typhoid fever
50	Adam Mertz	50	M	m	Wurt.	Oct	grocer	typh. fev.
114	Lydia Walker	3/12	F		Mich.	Jul		inflamm. lungs
138	Louisa Britenvischer	20	F	m	Prussia	Oct	KeepH.	typh.fev.
162	Christiana Behm	74	F	wid	Wurt	Nov		killed by threshing mach.
185	Frederick Lutzer	16	M			Feb	farm lab.	fall from horse
219	Christina Mans	44	F	m	Baden	Nov	KeepH.	hydrated liver

Families in census with name other than deceased surname.

35. Adam Broos, age 53 Wurt.
50. Gotthold Heldner, age 33, Lutheran Minister, Wurt.
162 John F. Schneider, age 40, Wurt.
185 John Schneeberger, age 70, farmer, Switz.

THIRTY FAMILIES FROM SCHALE, WESTPHALIA IN WASHTENAW COUNTY ESPECIALLY IN FREEDOM AND SHARON TOWNSHIPS

by David Koss

Beginning about 1834 many of the younger children and grandchildren of the small farm owning families of Schale, Kreis (county) Tecklenburg, province of Westphalia, kingdom of Prussia joined what was becoming the massive new migration of Germans which poured into the U.S. from about 1830 to 1880. Most of these Germans were seeking cheap farmland, farmland that was difficult to acquire in Germany because they were not the oldest sons and therefore heirs. Even if money could be accumulated to buy land there, there wasn't enough of it available to support growing families. Prior to this outpouring of emigrants to America, many Westphalians and Hannoverians went to the nearby Netherlands, usually as manual laborers, often leaving wives and children in their native villages. The work was hard and not rewarding in the long run, and separation from families caused loneliness and sometimes moral decay. Once migration to America became popular after 1830 many would-be farmers set off on the much longer trek to America where they could purchase land in the Midwest directly from the government for $1.25 an acre or reasonably from those who had already bought it.

While at present the dates of immigration and settlement of these families in Washtenaw County is not always documented, many Schale families are known to have been in the county rather early, usually in Freedom and Sharon townships with spillovers in other townships. A few settled across the county line around Norvell in Jackson County. Many became associated with Manchester and Chelsea as well as Saline and Ann Arbor. Other colonies of Schale people settled at Bensenville, Ill., Barrington, Ill. (both suburbs of Chicago), Oak Creek, Wisc. (just south of Milwaukee), Eitzen, Minn. and Vesper, Kansas.

The following is a list of Washtenaw County families, indicating when they are first documented at Schale. There may be others.

Ahrens - came to Schale by marriage with Gieske about 1835, previously at Schapen, Kreis Lingen, Hannover.

Bertke - first appeared on Schale records 1743 in marriage with Landwehr, previously from Ueffeln, Kreis Bersenbrueck, Hannover.

Bruns - first appears 1820 in marriage with Huesman, previously from Bippen, Kreis Bersenbrueck, Hannover.

Dresselhaus - (anglicized to Dresselhouse) probably the oldest documented family at Schale; a section of the parish was called Dresselhusen or Dresselhausen from which the family got its name; Dresselhusen (the place, not the family) was mentioned in a charter in 1278; Johan Dresselhusen and Bernt Dresselhusen appeared on the swine census (an enumeration of who owns pigs) in 1494, each owned 1 swine; the name is probably unique to Schale.

Elfring - family not well-documented, but certainly in Schale by mid-1600s; not on land tax lists; perhaps petty government officials there; probably same as Elverick living 1545 at Brochterbeck, Kr. Tecklenburg (same county as Schale).

Esch - first mentioned 1577, probably there earlier as an old section of the parish was called Eschhüsen (Esch house); Jurgen Esch was taxed in 1580, that same year the "Lifftucht"(retired person) on the farm was taxed, which means that his father was **apparently** still alive.

Feldkamp - Veltkamp mentioned 1540; Herman up dem Veltkamp taxed 1580. (Not all Washtenaw Co. Feldkamps are descended from this early family; see article on Feldkamp in this issue.)

Gieske - Gyseke mentioned 1577. (The Washtenaw Co. Gieskes get their name from this family but are not descended from them; they descend from Margaretha Adelheid Esch, who first married Gerdt Gieske; after he died she married in 1738 Berendt Huestette who took the name Gieske because he got possession of the farm; Washtenaw Co. Gieskes descend from the second marriage.)

Hagen - "Hagenclaes" (= Claes Hagen) appeared as owner of 1 swine in the swine census of 1494; through tax lists this family appears to be able to trace every generation from the swine owner of 1494 to the immigrant in Washtenaw Co.

Hartbecke - (sometimes Hartbeck or Harbecke in English) although the name appeared occasionally in the Schale church registers as early as 1776, the family was established at Schale by marriage in 1796 with the Finke family (a family not in Michigan but in Bensenville, Ill.); earlier the family was at Bippen, Kreis Bersenbrueck, Hannover.

Holt - mentioned 1577; Johan Holt taxed 1580; like Feldkamp and Gieske, Holt has passed through several transitions and not all Holts are descended from the oldest line. (This family was not of English origin; Holt means "woods" in dialect German, compare Holtz in so-called high German.)

Huehl - the name does not appear in documents until the church registers began in 1716, but the family was certainly at Schale in the latter half of the 1600s; whether it is connected with the name Huels, with various spellings, at Ladbergen, Kreis Tecklenburg (the opposite end of the county from Schale) is unknown; the name has been spelled in many ways at Schale including Huel and Hul; the spelling Huehl appears to be unique to Schale.

Huesman - first appears 1734 in marriage with Schulte; previously in Recke, Kreis Tecklenburg; Berndt Huyssman had a child baptized at Recke in 1686.

Kleinschmidt - first appears 1768 as "tor kleinen Schmeede" in marriage with Elfring; previously in Ueffeln, Kreis Bersenbrueck, Hannover.

Koebbe - difficult to sort out from Koebbemann or Kobbeman which appears in swine census 1494; apparently two separate names; "Kobbergerlingh" (= Gerlingh Kobbe) appears 1540; Gerlach Kobbe was taxed 1580.

Kuhl - Kuil listed 1577; Allert Kuil taxed 1580 at which time there was also a tax on the "Lyfftucht" (retired person), apparently his father.

Landwehr - Gerdt up der Lantwer taxed 1580; family not mentioned at Schale on earlier records; perhaps earlier from Recke (a couple of villages south of Schale), Kreis Tecklenburg where Joan (Johann) op de Landwer was mentioned 1545.

Lindbert - also Lindberts, Limberts; occasional references on Schale church registers from 1790; formerly at Settrup, parish of Fuerstenau, Kreis Bersenbrueck, Hannover (immediately north of Schale).

Linde - "Linden" mentioned 1545; Hynrich thor Lynden listed 1547.

List - "Lisst" mentioned 1540; Johann Lisz, his wife Gese and children Johann, Heinrich, Swithart, Gerdt, Lambert and Grete listed 1547.

Meiners - pronounced and sometimes spelled "Minus" in America; appears on Schale church registers which begin 1716; probably came to Schale in late 1600s; previous origin unknown although name is known in the province of Ostfriesland (opposite northeast Netherlands) and, usually as Meyners, in the Netherlands.

Meyer - (represented by John H. Meyer 1849-1913, buried Manchester city cem.) confusion with Niemeier which sometimes is called Meier and which appeared as Niggemegger in 1545; clearly independent family by time church registers began in 1716; lived at Brandenmoor in the parish of Schale.

Reno - first reference 1792 when Gerd Renau confirmed at Schale, by 1815 had married with Mextra/Mextrot/Meckstroth, a family believed to have originated at Ladbergen in the southern part of the county of Tecklenburg; according to 1802 marriage the Renauw family came from Schapen, Kreis Lingen, Hannover.

Schlicht - family originates at Schale from an illegitimate son, born 1802, to Helena Eiterman of Schale by Albert Schlicht from Uelsen; this is probably Uelsen in the county of Bentheim, a nearby county, but there is also the city of Uelzen, south of Lueneburg in the former duchy of Braunschweig.

Schulte - listed 1545; in 1547 Gerlach Schulte, his wife Anna and their children Luke, Hinrich, Johann and Gerlach are mentioned; it is not known if the Washtenaw family descends from this early line because the immigrant Johann Wilhelm Schulte (1790-1851) (see "The Freedom Emanuel Evangelical Memorial Cemetery also known as the Koebbe Cemetery," in FHC, July 1981, p. 19) was the illegitimate son of Johan Wilhelm Schulte of Schapen, Kreis Lingen, Hannover (but then Prussia) and Maria Duehne of Schale.

Sodt - the Washtenaw County family is from Settrup (a few kilometers north of Schale) in the parish of Fuerstenau, Kreis Bersenbrueck, Hannover; however, the immigrant's wife was a Kleinschmidt from Schale; miscellaneous references on Schale church registers to Saat, Soet, Suet found as early as 1720; one branch of Sodt did settle at Schale about 1840, which line came to Barrington, Ill. during Civil War.

Teepe - first appears 1823 on confirmation list with mother as Kollenberg, which family was from Halverde, a Catholic village between Schale and Recke - consequently the Protestant Kollenberg family used both villages for church matters; Teepe (with various spellings) was from Recke, Kr. Tecklenburg; Tep mentioned there 1545.

Tirb - appears early 1840s in marriage with Lipfort; earlier origins not indicated; Tirp family in village of Tecklenburg, Kr. Tecklenburg in early 1800s but connections, if any, unknown.

Uphaus - first reference of family that came to Washtenaw Co. in baptism 1776, although occasional references earlier to Uphus, Uphues, Ophus; line from Settrup, parish of Fuerstenau, Kr. Bersenbrueck, Hannover and possibly earlier from Bippen in the same county.

Voegeding - first mentioned 1777 in marriage with Freye; previous origin unknown.

INDIANAPOLIS 1982

by Connie Olson

The second annual Conference in the States sponsored by the National Genealogical Society and other national genealogical organizations was held in Indianapolis in mid-May and was attended by several hundred people from all over the United States. The program consisted of four one-hour sessions each day and participants had to choose from a selection of four topics during each time period.

The session which perhaps had the most general interest concerned the National Archives. James Moore, assistant archivist, gave an update on what is currently being done at the Archives. The biggest news is that the long promised new edition of the Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives will be out in September. It will be current up to 1981 and will sell for approximately $22.00 in hardcover and about $16.00 in softcover. To offset the elimination of the federal census microfilm loan program, specifications are being worked out with a private contractor for a new rental program which will hopefully be available by November. The 1910 census which is now available in Washington will be available for viewing at the Archives regional branches in November. A survey is being conducted to determine what and where census film is available and when the list is completed all interlibrary loan libraries will receive it. All National Archives microfilms may be purchased (about $15.00 per reel) and several new catalogs (free) will be issued in August and September. Mr. Moore assured everyone that despite the increased fee and the 4-6 week minimum wait for mail requests, there are no plans to institute a user fee in Washington and the hours for research remain 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. M-F, and 8:45 to 5:45 Sat.

The remainder of the session dealt with what is happening outside the Archives. Rabbi Malcolm Stern of New York City and Lorraine Branning, formerly of the Archives staff, outlined a project which is being developed by several individuals and genealogical societies. They are proposing a Friends of the National Archives group to show what the genealogical community can do to support the Archives. Already the group has made possible for this year the National Institute for Genealogical Research which the Archives said it could no longer sponsor. The major focus now is a fund raising drive in which they hope to obtain a $1.00 donation from every genealogist in the country. The money is to be collected by local societies and then it will be held by the Federation of Genealogical Societies until a specified time when one check will be sent to the Archives. In September notices will be sent from the larger societies to smaller ones to get the project underway but the local groups will be responsible for working out their own mechanisms for collecting or raising money. If an individual wants to contribute, a check (there will be no acknowledgements) may be sent to Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 220, Davenport, Iowa, 52805 and it should be earmarked for the National Archives Fund. The money can go to the Archives Gift Fund and be designated for specific use. There are many possible uses but the leaders feel that it must be a cooperative effort for the mutual benefit of the Archives and the public.

The whole conference covered a diverse range of topics (the program was printed in the Jan. - Feb.. 1982 Genealogical Helper) and if anyone is interested in more information about any of the activities or about ordering tapes of the talks, I would be happy to share my information. (My phone is 665-2387). A similar conference will be held in Fort Worth next April.

SOME WOMEN OF FREEDOM, THEIR FAMILIES AND MARRIAGES

By M.L.Sias

Barbary (---) Bailey was born ca 1750! Surely she was one of the earliest born who made the journey into the Michigan frontier. Doubtless she traveled and lived with a daughter's family. She arrived in Freedom in 1833 or 1834. Her daughter, Mary Bailey, was born 15 April 1777 and 26 January 1796 married David Raymond of Benton, Yates County, New York[1], near the west shore of Seneca Lake. The David Raymonds had ten children, some of whom became Freedom or Sharon residents or had family ties to the neighborhood. Martha Raymond married Elipha Peckens, brother of George Peckens. Sons, David C. Raymond, married Julia Ann Preston. Daughter, Angeline, married Julia's brother, William Preston, children of Captain Roswell and Mehitable (Knowlton) Preston[2] Freedom pioneers where Roswell died in 1836.[3] William Preston and several of the Raymonds became members of the Lima Baptist Church. Barbary Bailey died 11 September 1846 at age 95! Her grave is marked in the Fletcher Road Cemetery.[4]

1. Preston, Edward M., A History of Captain Roswell Preston of Hampton, Connecticut, including Eaton, Knowlton, Butt, Raymond, Witter, and Hinds, 1899.
2. Ibid
3. Rogers' Burying Ground, Cemetery of the Unchurched, inscription
4. Fletcher Road Cemetery inscription

Mary (Whiting) Litchfield was born 1 June 1810[1] in Winsted[2], earlier called Clifton, Litchfield County, Connecticut. Her parents were clockmaker Riley and Uramia[3] (Hoadley[4]) Whiting. His Riley Whiting clocks are highly prized antiques today.[5] Mary married at Winsted 3 February 1835 James Litchfield of Hartford, Connecticut.[6] James was born 25 February 1812 in Brooklyn, Windham County, Connecticut.[7] He was a son of Daniel[8] and Olive (Pierce)[9] Litchfield of Hartford. Within the first year of their marriage James and Mary immigrated to Washtenaw County. James' oldest brother, Edward, had settled in Freedom in 1833. Mary died 6 October 1837[10] in Lima Township,[11] north of Freedom. Her grave is the only marked Litchfield grave in the Rogers' Burying Ground, Freedom. James married twice more. He married (2) Almira Pitt[12] and then Mrs. Abigail[12] (Cranson) Dibble,[13] widow of Ebenezer. Almira had three children. Abigail had several Dibble children and a Litchfield son.[14] James Litchfield was a cabinet maker, sawmill operator, active in other commercial enterprises. They lived near Porter's in Section 29 Lima,[15] also at Corunna,[16] Dexter,[17] Lansing, and Saginaw. He died 11 January 1898 in Detroit,[18] buried near Almira at Forest Lawn, Dexter, Michigan.[19] Abigail's grave is in Flint.[20] It's of some interest to speculate just which cherished family antiques in Dexter area homes were Litchfield made.

Late in the 19th century the Litchfield family collected family data which in time was acquired by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. In 1982 Philip Currier, Patterson Hill Road (no number) Henniker, New Hampshire 93242 is writing a Litchfield genealogy for the Connecticut Society. Mrs. Joe (Norma) McAllister of Dexter has also shared her extensive Litchfield notes.

1. Cemetery marker
2. Litchfield family papers
3. Ibid
4. Demers, Frank H. and Bronson, Elliott P., Winsted and the Town of Winchester, 1972, Cahill and Co., Dublin, Ireland.
5. Ibid

6. Litchfield family papers
7. Dexter sources
8. Death record Edward Litchfield
9. Litchfield family papers
10. Cemetery marker
11. Litchfield papers
12. p 447, History of Livingston County, Michigan 1880. Everts & Abbott, Phil.
13. Both marriage records
14. Litchfield papers
15. Lima Township assessment rolls
16. pp 169, 171, History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, 1880, D.W.Ensign & Co., Philadelphia.
17. Dexter census 1870
18. Dexter Leader nn
19. Cemetery inscription n
20. Litchfield papers

Louisa (Adams) Scott was born ca 1824 in New York State, probably Westmoreland. Her father, Nathan Adams, War of 1812,[2] was a grantee of a total of 240 acres of federal lands in Sections 1 and 2 in what became Freedom. These land grants were dated 29 May 1832 and 1 October 1832.[3] The family immigrated that year. Nathan was born 21 May 1778, probably Groton, Connecticut. He was a great-grandchild of James[1] Adams of Westerly, Rhode Island. Her mother, Nathan's second wife, Sally Cook, was born 9 April 1784 at Stephentown, Rensselaer County, a daughter of Elijah B. and Charity (Lockwood) Cook.[4]

Louisa married Jesse Scott, son of Lemuel and Nancy (Bowen) Scott,[5] Lima, Michigan pioneers from Berkshire County, Massachusetts.[6] Jesse was born 1818 at Chester, Massachusetts.[7] Louisa had two sons; Eugene M. born in 1845 and Franklin ca 1846.[8] Eugene, then of Iowa, 14 February 1870 married at Ann Arbor, Michigan Frances Easton, daughter of William Harrison and Phebe (Guile) Easton of Lima, Michigan.[9] Eugene died 2 May 1884 at Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa, burial at Toma City.[10] Jesse Scott married (2) Eunice (Danielson) Doud.[11] (Note 1881 History of Washtenaw County in error p.735, Danielson not Donaldson. Benjamin Danielson was a Baptist minister, lived Sharon Township.[12])

Eugene's mother, **Louisa(Adams)** Scott died 20 March 1847.[13] Although the Nathan Adams family was a large one, **Louisa'a** is the only Adams' grave marked in Rogers' Burying Ground on Waters Road west a bit of the Adams' homestead, although Sally (Cook) Adams died 2 March 1845 and Nathan in 1847.[14] Are their graves not located in their neighborhood unmarked now, just near by daughter **Louisa's**?

Two sisters of **Louisa** (Adams) Scott lived out their lives in Washtenaw County. Sarah Ann married Calvin Morse.[15] Her grave has been found along the Earhart Road fence in Leland Cemetery, Northfield Township.[16]

Sister Emily Adams 3 December 1835 in Freedom married Eldad Spencer Jr., son of Eldad and Ann (Stilson) Spencer from Chili, Monroe County, New York.[17] who immigrated to Section 36, Scio Township. The Eldad Spencer Jr's lived in Lodi and then for many years in NE Sylvan Township. They had ten children. Emily died 19 May 1909, buried Vermont Cemetery south of Chelsea.[18]

Mrs. Elaine Rice, P.O. Box 113 Lima, New York 14485 (1981 address) has shared extensively on the Adams and Spencer families. She is a descendant of Eldad and Emily's son, Homer Spencer. Homer married 16 March 1869 Bessie Parkhurst at Honeoye Falls, New York.

1. Holman, Alfred, Blackman and Allied Families
2. Ibid
3. Land records
4. Holman

5. p 735, History of Washtenaw County, 1881, Chapman and Co., Chicago
6. Land records
7. HWC 1881 Ibid
8. Lima census 1860
9. Marriage record
10. Death record
11. HWC 1881 Ibid
12. Lima Baptist records
13. Cemetery marker
14. **Holman**
15. **Ibid**
16. **Cemetery marker**
17. **Holman**
18. Land record
19. Cemetery marker

Letters received by Olive Rogers are included in the George S. Peckens' papers at Bentley Library in Ann Arbor. Olive Boyden was born 8 April 1808 at Georgia, Vermont.[1] Her parents were Ebenezer Boyden (Sr.) born Guilford, Vermont and Olive Densmore. She married Levi Rogers, probably in Vermont. Levi made his first purchase of land in what became Freedom 15 June 1832, NW ¼ Section 9 and a bit later S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 5, katter-corner onto Section 9,[2] thus Rogers' Corners. The Rogers probably left Vermont to live in the Michigan wilderness 1832 or 1833.

It seems likely that there were three Rogers brothers in the Rogers' Corners neighborhood. Levi was born ca 1804. Silas was born ca 1809. Horace was born ca 1812.[3] No wife has been noted for Silas; Horaces's was Eunice.[4] Olive's oldest brother, James Boyden, emigrated fromVermont to Michigan and died in Michigan[5] but has not been noticed in Freedom. Her brother, Ebenezer Boyden Jr., born 29 June 1795[6] married at Roswell Preston's on 11 March 1835 Hannah Peckens.[7] Ebenezer died in 1863. He had no children. His estate was not finally settled in Washtenaw County until 1913.[8]

Another sibling of Olive's to immigrate to Freedom, possibly lived in Lima, was her youngest sister, Lucinda, whose husband also bought Freedom land. The husband, Lyman Williams,[9] was involved with the Porter Mills in Section 29 Lima,[10] but by late 1838 the Williams had gone into Ann Arbor Township.[11]

Olive (Boyden) Rogers had three(probable)children: Byron born ca 1831;[12] Franklin (5 April 1833 - 10 April 1851)[13] and Sarah (ca 1838- 3 April 1844).[14] The graves of the latter two are on the family plot in the Rogers' Burying Ground, as is Silas's, who died 22 November 1844,[15] and Olive's, died 12 April 1879.[16]

Olive was left all alone when both her husband Levi and later her son Byron emigrated elsewhere. She was for thirteen years a member of the George and Cornelia Peckens' household.[17] There were no close relatives left near by. The Ebenezer Boyden family of Guilford and Georgia, Vermont were very distantly related to the Luther and Pomeroy[18] Boydens of Boyden's Plains in Webster Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

There was long a Rogers' Corners' schoolhouse. After Levi and Byron left, the Lutherans built their Zion and later St. John's churches and church schools at Rogers' Corners.[19] There was for probably twentyyears a Rogers' Corners Methodist parish. No record has been found, though, of any post office, corner store, tavern, smithy shop. The name is not often on maps, yet Rogers' Corners 1982 is a four corners in Michigan, so known to countless numbers.

1. Boyden, Wallce C., Merrill N., and Amos, Thomas Boyden and His Descendants, 1901, privately printed, Boston Massachusetts.
2. **Land records**
3. Freedom census
4. **Freedom census**
5. Boyden, Boyden and Boyden, Ibid
6. Ibid
7. Marriage record
8. Land record
9. Boyden, Boyden and Boyden, Ibid
10. Lima assessment rolls
11. Election candidates list
12. Census
13. Cemetery inscriptions
14. Ibid
15. Ibid
16. Ibid
17. p 1310, History of Washtenaw County, 1881, Chapman, Chicago
18. Boyden, Boyden, and Boyden, Ibid
19. Methodist Archives, Adrian College, MI

Cornelia J. (Kendall) Peckens lived for many years along the Chelsea-Manchester Road in NW Sharon Township, but the Peckens also owned land in the big Freedom - Sharon marsh in Freedom Township. Born in Rhode Island 11 February 1827,[2] she died 15 April 1916. Her parents were Nathan and Chloe (Preston)[1] Kendall. (Note error on page 1310 Chapman's 1881 History of Washtenaw County, Kendall not Randall.) Chloe was the oldest child of Capt. Roswell and Mehitable (Knowlton) Preston.[3] On 3 September 1852 Cornelia became Mrs. George S. Peckens.[4] By then George had been in his Freedom-Sharon neighborhood some nineteen years. He was a son of David and Experience (Pierce) Peckens, Massachusetts natives, residents of Benton, Yates County, New York.[5] George S. Peckens was a farmer. They had a total of seven children, one name not located. Daughter Alice married Fred Lehman. Ella married Godfrey Beutler. Nellie, C.H. Chadwick. The other girl was Adelle who died young. Their sons[6] were Nathan H. who never married and who took over the homestead and Adelbert.

The George S. Peckens papers at Bentley Library were shared by descendants, arrangements made by Dr. Ira Lehman. Included are letters from Peckens kinfolk and neighbors. Several are from Marshall County, Indiana near Tippacanoe concerning former neighbors: Wellman, Wheelock, and Eaton. Also included are the papers of Olive (Boyden) Rogers.

1. p 1310 History of Washtenaw County, 1881, Chapman and Co., Chicago.
2. Peckens' papers
3. Peckens, Edward H., A History of Captain Roswell Preston (and etc.)
4. Marriage record
5. p 318 Cleveland, Stafford, History of Yates County, New York, 1873, Chronicle Office, Penn Yan, New York
6. Chapman HWC Ibid

Note: Rogers' Burying Ground is named Waters Road Cemetery in Washtenaw County Cemetery book. It is in Section 10 on the south side of Waters Road and one and one-half miles east of Fletcher Road. Sometimes called "the Cemetery of the Unchurched".

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GSWC NEW PUBLICATION FOR SALE

The Publication Committee announces the publication of Migrations To-From Canada, the long-awaited transcription of Marion C. Keffer's talk on migration between the United States, Michigan, and Canada, given at our workshop at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, on September 10 and 11, 1977. Miss Keffer made a very knowledgeable and interesting presentation, and after the talks answered many questions from the audience. She gives a thumbnail sketch of Canadian history relating to migration, and her material is important to researchers in Michigan and elsewhere whose ancestors either came through Canada or migrated from the U.S. to Canada. Included in the booklet are maps showing all the counties of Ontario and their townships, and a bibliography of many books useful in Canadian research.

Price of this publication is $4.00 plus $1.00 for mailing. Orders should be sent to The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, P.O.Box 7155, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107.

THE SCHWABEN: PEASANTS WHO CAME TO AMERICA

By George F. Wieland, PhD.

The Alemannic tribes moved into present-day southwestern Germany about 260 A.D. From these people came the Schwaben (Swabians), with a culture and a way of looking at the world that is quite different from most other Germans.

For centuries the inheritance practices of the Schwaben and the other Alemanni emphasized equal division of the land among the children. Germans to the north and to the east tried to pass on the whole farm to one child - the other children had to learn a craft, migrate to the city, or maybe become a hired hand. The equal division among the Schwaben meant, in contrast, that all of the children could be independent (but small) farmers.

The opportunity to farm one's own small plot of land had an enormous psychological and cultural effect. It created a special Schwaben character. First of all, if you farm your own land, you're going to work hard. Germans are known as good workers, but the Schwaben more so than all of the others. Their national motto is simply: "Work, work, and build a house."

Farming their own plots of land also encouraged a very independent mentality among the Schwaben. Others in present day Germany see the Schwaben as stubborn and dumb, and in fact, the Schwaben themselves revel in a folk literature replete with the antics of dumb, rather taciturn peasants. It's simply nostalgia now, for the creativity and work ethic of the people has made the area second only to the Ruhr in terms of industry and wealth.

The individualism and independence of the Schwaben came also partly from their religion. During the Reformation and the wars that followed, the other Alemanni peoples (the Swiss, Alsatians, and Badeners) eventually returned to the Catholic Church, but not the Schwaben. (Most of the Schwaben lived in Wuerttemberg, where their Protestant leader supported the Reformation.)

Protestantism among the independent Schwaben has allowed them to go in many different directions. Some joined pietistic groups to live like Christ's disciples. and emigrated to Russia or the U.S. to await the millenium. Others migrated to the Holy Land or to Mt. Ararat, etc. In the U.S., the Schwaben tend to avoid denominations that emphasize dogma or have large church organizations. For example, several of the Washtenaw County churches founded by Pastor Frederich Schmid for the mostly Schwaben community refused for many years - Bethel Church for over 100 years, to affiliate officially with any larger grouping.

Perhaps the most important consequence of shared inheritance has been the creation of an impoverished peasantry. Because farms get smaller and smaller, Schwaben have been ready to seek new lands elsewhere. They have emigrated to many countries, but mostly to the United States. Some even came to the U.S. after their families had lived in Russia for several generations.

Enumeration for the 1870 U.S. Census in most cases recorded the specific German state in which an individual was born, something that was not done later when there was only a unitary Germany state. Wuerttemberg was the birthplace of 7½ % of the German-born, rather less than those from Hesse (8½%), Baden (9%), Bavaria (12%), or Prussia (35%). However the immigrants from one area often tended to congregate together in various parts of the U.S., so that the proportion of Wuerttembergers was higher than the average in some places, such as Pennsylvania (18%), Michigan (14%), New Jersey (12%), and Ohio (11%), and possibly New York. (The census data are incomplete, unfortunately.)

On the other hand, fewer than average Wuerttembergers were recorded as living in more westerly states such as Illinois (4%), Missouri (4%), and Wisconsin (3%). Wuerttembergers and other Germans continued to flock to America in the second half of the nineteenth century when these more westerly states were being settled, but the northern German emigration really began in earnest during this time and provided the overwhelming proportion of German immigrants to these areas.

As one might expect from the above capsule history of the Schwaben, the census shows the Wuerttemberg proportion of German-born to be especially strong in rural areas. A large number of the Schwaben emigrants were born on farms and they continued in that life over here. For example, of all the German-born in Cincinnati, only 5% were Wuerttembergers, but in the rest of Ohio outside of the metropolis of Cincinnati, 13% were Wuerttembergers. For Chicago and the rest of Illinois, the figures are 4% and 14% respectively. The Chicago workmen who left in disgust to found the Schwaben farming community of New Ulm, Minnesota, were only a few of the many Schwaben who sought the freedom of working their own lands.

Genealogists tracing their ancestors back to the eighteenth century Palatine settlers of New York State and especially Pennsylvania, could well find them to have originated in Wuerttemberg. The largest proportion of the Pennsylvania Dutch was from the Palatine (Pfalz), but the contingent from Wuerttemberg was probably second in numbers. Other concentrations of Schwaben were found in the nineteenth-century communes of Harmony and Economy, Pennsylvania; Zoar, Ohio; Bethel, Missouri; Aurora, Oregon; and Amana, Iowa (mostly Hessian, but Schwaben, too.)

The largest concentration of Schwaben in the U.S. is probably here in Washtenaw County. While the census books for 1860 and 1870 show some Prussians and Hessians, those born in Wuerttemberg seem to be most numerous. (Systematic compilation is yet to be done!) A doctoral study in 1954 at the University of Michigan ("The Swabian Dialect of Washtenaw County"), found many people in Freedom , Lodi, Scio, and Lima Townships who still spoke the dialect, several generations after their ancestors left Wuerttemberg. The history of these people, and of the other descendants of the half million Schwaben who came to America, must be told.

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1850 MORTALITY, FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

Name	Age	Sex	Mar. Stat.	Pl. Birth	Mon. of D.	Cause of D.
Polly Bower	52	F	m	GER	Jan. 1850	dropsy
Frederick Burkhart	59	M	m	GER	Aug. 1849	dysentery
Adrian Castin	62	M	m	IRE	Nov. 1849	consump
Catherine Delaney	1	F		MI	Jan. 1850	fits
Christopher Delaney	2	M		MI	Nov. 1849	unknown
Eliza Dubois	37	F	m	IRE	Jan. 1850	unknown
John Kent	22	M		MI	1850	drowned
Mary Kent	88	F	m	NY	Nov.1849	old age
Mary Lee	48	F		Nova Scotia	Jan 1850	cancer
Rachel Mucan	65	F	m	NY	Oct.1849	dyspepsia

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JOH. MICHAEL STOLLSTEIMER'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Research by Terry Stollsteimer

The children of Joh. Michael Stollsteimer and wife Eva Barbara (Reinholden) who came to the United States in 1831 were 1) Anna Catherine 2) Jacob Friedrich 3) Johannes. They came to Washtenaw County, Michigan, from Oberaichen, Germany (located south of Stuttgart and just outside Leinfelden-Echterdingen in the Wuerttemberg region), settling the townships of Scio, Lodi, and Freedom. Other families arriving from the same area of Germany in 1831 were the Gross, Hornung, Kaercher, Staebler and Wildt families. They were members of "The First German Evangelical Society of Scio", the first Lutheran church with a pastor in Washtenaw County in 1833. They supported themselves through farming.

1) ANNA CATHERINE STOLLSTEIMER born 16 December, 1781 Oberaichen, Germany died unknown. Married 5 May, 1805 in Germany to Joh. Jakob GROSS born 14 February, 1782, Leinfelden, Germany died unknown. They had 3 known children:

i. Joh. Friedrich Gross born 1805 in Germany died unknown. Married to Katherine ------ born 1802 Germany died unknown. They lived in Freedom Twp and had 1 known child- Joh. Friedrich Jr.

ii. Agnes Gross born 19 March, 1811 Germany died 5 January, 1859 in Michigan. Married 11 October, 1835 in Michigan to Jakob Frederick Kaercher born 2 February, 1807 Leinfelden, Germany died 22 May, 1887 in Michigan. They lived in Scio Twp and had 6 known children- Barbara, Christian, Jacob Frederick, John Michael, Catharine, and Maria.

iii. Georg Frederick Gross born 11 April, 1816 Germany died unknown. Married 26 May, 1841 in Michigan. to Agnes Kaercher born 9 April, 1819 Germany died unknown. They had 4 known children- Joh. Michael, John F., John Jacob, and Mary.

2) JACOB FRIEDRICH STOLLSTEIMER born 18 May, 1782 Oberaichen, Germany died unknown. Married, date unknown, to Christine Katherine STAEBLER, born 12 July, 1785 died (?) 7 August, 1860 Scio Twp. They had 4 known children all born in Oberaichen, Germany:

i. Christine Katherine Stollsteimer born 22 August, 1807 died unknown. Married, date unknown, to Joh. Karl Hornung born 10 August, 1800 Oberaichen, Germany died unknown. They lived in Freedom Twp and had 9 known children - Frederich Carl, Joh. Jakob, Carl Frederich, Christina Catherina, Adam Friedrich, Gottlieb, Caroline Margaret, Sarah, and Lydia.

ii. ADAM FREDERICH STOLLSTEIMER born 13 February, 1814 died 14 November, 1885, Scio Twp, Michigan. Married 20 October, 1839 in Michigan to Magdalene Armbruster born 13 February, 1814 Germany died 29 May, 1885, Scio Twp, Michigan. They lived in Scio Twp and had 9 known children - Barbara Elinora, Catharine Louise, Carl Friederich, George J., Emilia, Edward, Julia, Reuben, and William.

iii. Caroline Stollsteimer born 16 April, 1816, died 11 June, 1891, Marion Twp, Livingston County, Michigan. Married 31 March, 1835 in Michigan to Alexander Boyden born 14 April, 1814, Conway, Mass. died 11 August, 1874, Marion Twp, Michigan. They lived in Marion Twp, Livingston County, and had 10 known children - Nancy, Harriet A., Marion (Mary), Eliza, William R., Delia, Catharine, Nellie M., Caroline (Carrie), and Charles.

iv. GOTTLIEB STOLLSTEIMER born 18 August, 1819 died unknown. (Note: In 1850 census there was a G. Frederick Stollsteimer living in Marion Twp, Livingston County, Michigan near Alexander and Caroline (Stollsteimer) Boyden.

3. JOHANNES STOLLSTEIMER born 29 January, 1785, Oberaichen, Germany died 9 November, 1853, Michigan. Married 17 May, 1810 in Germany to Barbara Christina STIERLE born 20 October, 1786, Germany died 15 April, 1869, Michigan. They had 9 known children all born in Oberaichen, Germany:

i. Christine Katharine Stollsteimer born 23 July, 1809 died 1847, Michigan. Married 26 June, 1833 in Michigan to Thomas J. Morse (?Maas), born unknown, died unknown. They had 3 known children - Ehrhardt Morlin, Thomas Friedrich, and Catharina.

ii. Christine Barbara Stollsteimer born 31 January, 1811, died 1887, Michigan. Married date unknown to Christian Ukele (or Ugele) born 1806 died 1861, Michigan. They had 3 known children - Catharina Maria, Jacob Friedrich, and Johan Christian.

iii. JOH. JAKOB STOLLSTEIMER born 6 August, 1813 died 17 March, 1872, Freedom Twp. Married 29 April, 1841 in Michigan to Agnes Frederika Stierle born 20 February, 1815,Germany died 15 December, 1884, Freedom Twp. They had 7 known children - Johann Fredrick, Anna Catherine, Fredrica Elizabeth, John Jacob, John Charles, Barbara Maria, and George Heinrich.

iv. JOH. FREDERICH STOLLSTEIMER born 7 August, 1815 died 27 October, 1886, Michigan. Married 20 February, 1845 in Michigan to Anna Katherine Stierle born 20 August, 1820 (2), Germany died 13, March, 1891, Michigan. They lived in Lodi Twp, Michigan and had 1 known child - Jacob.

v. JOH. MICHAEL STOLLSTEIMER born 16 February, 1819 died 23 October, 1850, Scio Twp. Single.

vi. JOH. CARL (CHARLES) STOLLSTEIMER born 10 September or December, 1821 died 20 January, 1892, Freedom Twp. Married 28 May, 1846 in Michigan to Regina (Rachel) Staebler born 1821 Germany died unknown. They lived in Freedom Twp and had 5 known children - Jacob Frederick, Catherine Friedrica, Johanes (John) G., Joh. Gottlieb, and John Emanuel.

vii. JOH. GEORGE STOLLSTEIMER born 21 September, 1823 died 17 November, 1893, Webster Twp, Michigan. Married 26 December, 1848 in Michigan to Anna Maria (Mary) Pfeifle born 3 October, 1829, Germany died 25 July, 1880, Scio Twp. They lived in Scio Twp and had possibly 12 children - Anna Maria, John George, Dorothea Barbara, Abraham, Caroline K., Emma, Pauline(a), Herman, Will Ernst, Elise, Sophia Clara (Clara M.), and Helena.

viii. JOH. ERHARDT (AARON) STOLLSTEIMER born 8 June, 1826 died 9 September,1887, Lodi Twp, Michigan. Married 2 July,, 1853 in Michigan to Regina (Rachel) (Lena) (Rickey) Stierle born 13 February, 1831,Echterdingen, Germany died 10 July, 1906, Lodi Twp. They lived in Section 7 of Lodi Twp and had 7 known children- Catharine Louisa, Barbara Caroline, Johana Heinrich (Henry), Louisa Regina, Theodore Earhardt, Emma K., and Charles (Karl) Earhardt.

ix. Christine Dorothae Stollsteimer born 26 December, 1830 died 2 May, 1877, Lodi Twp. Married -- November, 1847 in Michigan to Abraham Hirth born 7 June, 1822, Germany died unknown, Michigan. His family arrived in the U.S. in 1835. Abraham settled in Section 8 of Lodi Twp and had 9 known children - Johann Geo., Frederick J., Simon, Martin Henry, Emanuel, Ernest, Louisa, Anna, and Julius.

HISTORICAL MUSEUMS/ SOCIETIES AS A RESOURCE FOR GENEALOGISTS

by Lydia Muncy

The October, 1981, meeting of the GSWC was held at the Dexter Area Museum to explore the resources for genealogists of Historical Societies/ Museums. A tour of the Museum was very enlightening. The view of the early 20th century dentist chair with its foot-powered drill made many people cringe. The Museum is rich in artifacts of the area. Lorraine Govaere gave a history of the Museum illustrated with slides.

They have a library containing maps, pictures, histories, manuscripts, genealogies and historical genealogical magazines. Nancy Van Blaricum explained their resources stressing the surname index they are developing.

The program continued with Lydia and Ralph Muncy discussing museum resources in general. In preparation they had written to twenty-three Michigan museum/societies chosen at random. This type of inquiry frequently brings few responses. Very surprisingly there were seventeen responses.

One of the first was very disappointing. The Indian Museum at Cross Village is no longer in existence.

All of the remaining sixteen reported they had maps of many kinds. All had pictures of buildings, scenery and many, many pictures of people. A number bemoaned the fact that so few people labeled their pictures.

There were three responses from the Upper Peninsula: Ontonagon County Historical Society, the Newberry Museum (Luce County), and Menominee Historical Society/ Museum. All three have early newspapers and Menominee and Ontonagon have copies of the history of the Upper Peninsula published in 1883. The Menominee letter says in part,"We own an extensive collection of letters, record books, belonging to an early lumber cruiser Joe Bruner...letters written by Marion Bishop when he was in the Civil War...and a manuscript written by a Probate Judge in the 30's describing people and things before the 30's."The Luce County (Newberry) letter says in part, "We have taped some interviews ...have been preparing a volume of history." Ontonagon also has stories and accounts by early residents on tape.

In the Lower Peninsula Branch County (Coldwater), Milford, Oceana County (Au Gres), Van Buren County (Hartford), Benzie County (Benzonia), and Little Traverse Regional Historical Museum/Society have Oral History Programs. Quoting from the Van Buren County letter, "Oral History is probably the most important service the local historical /museum can offer its community at this time. We lose invaluable ties with our past." Grosse Ile reports, "Our taping project has been neglected for awhile and we always hope to get back to it, but again we rely on volunteers."

The Holbrook Heritage Room in the Branch County Library contains a microfilm copy of all important items of County news from 1849 on.The letter from the Historical Society continues, "This (microfilm) has an index that is probably one of the finest in the State, all compiled by one woman, Miss Holbrook."

The Little Traverse Regional Museum has reprints of the 1885 "Independent

Democrat" Twentieth Anniversary edition which gives historical sketches of Petoskey, its businesses and prominent citizens. They also have a pioneer file "by no means complete but helpful as a great deal of the information was compiled in 1952 for Petosky's Centennial." In Adrian(Lenawee County) they report, "Our big project is to compile a genealogy file from 19th century newspapers of the area. This file will include the names of all whose obituaries have appeared in local newspapers." The Milford Museum is compiling a similar file as is Benzie County.

There were many books listed by various groups: County Histories, Michigan Manuals, Telephone Books, City Directories, County Atlases, Biographies both printed and in manuscript form. Other things listed included Diaries, Scrapbooks, Genealogies printed and in manuscript form, Logs, Charts, Lectures, Postcards, Reprints of Society Programs, Census Records, Cemetery Records, Business Records, School Records, Township Assessment rolls. No one museum had all of these, but each had some.

Grosse Ile reported an interesting book, "Deep Roots", by Isabelle Swan. "This book covers the first 100 years here, 1776-1876, and it probably includes the vast majority of families living here during those years."

The Museum of the Great Lakes in Bay City deals with both local history and shipping on the Great Lakes."We have a number of books on Great Lakes' ships, wrecks and some biographies of sailors also on ships built in this area."*

The Milford History Education Committee in the Historical Society has started an interesting project in connection with their sesquicentennial. They are working with the Social Study teachers in the local schools. The children are being asked to submit to the Museum completed 3 to 5 generation charts. The teachers and committee members will assist the children.

"A person interested in tracing family history should work with both the County Historical Society/Museum and the County Court House for often the general information discovered at the Museum well turn into specifics when actual documents (such as deeds) are researched ", from Van Buren County.

The closing statement in the letter from Grosse Ile sums up the attitude expressed in most of the letters. "We are always happy to help point a person in the right direction, though we don't have the resources to do the research or to provide copies of our material."

From the sampling there is reason to believe that most Historical Museums/ Societies have genealogical material they are willing to share.

* This name has been changed to Historical Museum of Bay County.

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PUBLICATION FOR SALE

The Branch County Genealogical Society, Box 443, Coldwater, MI 49036, has published CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS AND RECORDS OF BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN. It contains only rural cemetery inscriptions and one very old cemetery in Coldwater. Available township records and veteran information is included. About 850 pages.

ONE JOHANN HEINRICH FELDKAMP

By Ragene Lamming Rowland

Six Johann Heinrich Feldkamps were among the several Feldkamp families who emigrated from Schale, Kreis Tecklenburg, Westphalia, to Freedom Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, from 1836 to 1886. "Reuben" was handed down as the name of my great grandfather who was one of the Johann Heinrich immigrants. The name Veltkamp appears in Kreis Tecklenburg tax records as early as 1540. The following births, marriages, and deaths of the first five generations of my Feldkamp line are from the Schale Reformed/Evangelical Church records through the research of Dr. David Koss.

1. GERDT FELDKAMP(H) was born in 1670 or before and was buried 16 October, 1730. He was married to ENNE ------ who was buried 28 October, 1731, as Gerd Feldkamp's widow.

2. GERD(T) FELDKAMP(H) was born March, 1696, or before and buried 11 May, 1755, as a "colonus" (hereditary landowner)in Schale. He married 1 March, 1717, MARIA GERLIG (GERLICH/GERLING) who died in 1771 at 77 years of colic and consumption.

3 and 4. The complexity of these two generations suggests that they should be discussed together. Gerdt Albert Feldkamp, sometimes called Gerdt Heinrich, heir of Gerdt (2) was born 18 July, 1721, and married 25 April, 1751. Anna Gesina Cöbbeman/Köbbeman. Gerdt Albert died 5 November, 1770 of a fever and consumption, leaving no issue. Gerdt Albert had a sister, Eunecke (Anna) born 23 April, 1731. As a widow of John Hagen, EUNECKE FELDKAMP married 18 November, 1753, GERDT HOLT and had five children, the fifth, ANNA GESINA ENGEL HOLT, my ancestress, born 20 July, 1760. After the death of Gerdt Albert in 1770, his widow, Anna Gesina Cobbeman Feldkamp, on 4 September, 1771, married a much younger man with her maiden surname, Johann Herman Cobbeman. Through his marriage, he acquired the Feldkamp farm and assumed the name of Feldkamp. Again, there were no offspring, and after the death of his wife, 6 April, 1784, JOHANN HERMAN, now FELDKAMP, married two more times. First, on 10, October, 1784, he married my ancestress, ANNA GESINA HOLT, daughter of Eunecke Feldkamp and niece of Gerdt Albert Feldkamp. The offspring of this marriage had both the Feldkamp name and the blood line. This Anna Gesina died two years after her marriage and her widower married on 27 September, 1786, Catherina Ilsabein Holt. Anna Catherina survived her husband. When she died 14 March, 1842, she had four living children, two of whom were heads of the earliest Feldkamp emigrating families to Freedom Township (1836 and 1844). Thus, most, if not all, of the Washtenaw County Feldkamps are related through a Feldkamp who was really a Cöbbeman, but some have the Feldkamp line through Eunecke Feldkamp.

5. (JOHANN)GERD HEINRICH FELDKAMP was born 17 May, 1786, to Johann Herman Feldkamp (formerly Cobbeman) and Anna Gesina Engel Holt and died 24 April, 1828 as a Schale colon. He had two marriages, the first, on 4 April, 1805, to Fenne Maria Adelheid Willigman, daughter of Johann Heinrich Willigman and Helena Freye. Of the nine offspring of this marriage, three emigrated to Freedom Township and one daughter may be the Catherina Feldkamp, age 22, who married in Freedom, 21 February, 1847, Canadian born Jonathan Sanborn. The second marriage of GERD HEINRICH was on 11 December, 1825, to ANNA CATHERINA TEPE (TEEPE/TEPPEN) who was born around 1795 and was from Recke, Westphalia. No record of her death has been found but she was living with her son in Freedom in 1850 and in 1860. She and Gerd Heinrich had two children, my great-grandfather and Anna Maria, born 22 December, 1826. Digressing from the direct

line here, I would like to mention that this Anna Maria was married in Scio at age 21 to John George Volz, on 2 November, 1848, and was the grandmother through her daughter Amelia of the late Bertha Muehlig, whose store and home on Main Street, Ann Arbor, were well known to many long time Washtenaw County residents.

6. JOHANN HEINRICH FELDKAMP, known as Reuben, my great-grandfather, was born 6 April, 1825, in Recke and baptized there as Heinrich Adolph, although he was confirmed in Schale as Johann Heinrich Feldkamp, son of colon Gerhard Feldkamp and Anna Catherina Tepen. On 4 June, 1844, he, his mother and sister Anna Maria, along with nine other Feldkamps (including the ancestors of GSWC member Margaret Sias) arrived in New York harbor on the bark Hudson. Johann Heinrich may have worked on the Erie Canal but was in Freedom Township by 1850 and married 2 October, 1851, in Lodi, MARY CATHERINE OBERSCHMID/OVERSMITH. Her parentage is still unknown, but a church death record in 1894 of Ernest Oberschmid, probable brother, gives his birthplace as Halsan (Halzan?) bei Biele(n)feld. John and Catherine first lived in a log cabin "across from the Huehl farm", probably Fletcher Road near Ellsworth in Freedom, section 17. Around 1856, the family purchased and moved to land south of Pleasant Lake, nw corner of section 27. John died there 15 November, 1860 and his wife Catherine died in late June or early July, 1866, leaving five minor children. The guardian for the children sold the farm to George Dettling and it has remained in the Dettling family. The five children were born in Freedom and all are buried in Rowe Corners Cemetery, Sharon. Graves of their parents have not been located. The children were:

i. George Heinrich, born 22 August, 1835; died 1907, married Louisa Heck, possibly daughter of Johannes Heck and Christina Segar. Their children:

a. Clara, 1877-1916, married in 1899 George Bertke, son of John Ora Bertke and Mary Eggart of Oak Creek, WI.

b. Clarence E., 1880-1908, married in 1906 Frances Lamming, 1884-1981, daughter of Elizeman Parr and Thomas Lamming.

c. Lambert, born March, 1884. Lived to adulthood.

d. Herbert,born 1891; married Lavinia-------.

e. Walter, born 1892. Died early.

ii John Tabor, my grandfather. See 7.

iii. Lewis born 7 March, 1858; died 1923. Unmarried.

iv. Rosina Christina (called Christine), born 11 May, 1859; died 1900; married George William (or William George) Sodt. (Sodt families also came from Schale.) Their children:

a. George, born 2 October, 1885; died 1 July, 1965; married Minnie Jackson.

b. Esther Rosa, born 8 August, 1887; died 21 March, 1969; married 13 December, 1905, Lambert Gieske, son of Lambert "Bert" and Adelaide Ann "Olive"----.

c. Mable Mae, born 9 March, 1889; died 21 March, 1969; married 30 March, 1916, Clarence Vogeding, son of Lydia Huehl and Henry Vogeding.

d. Reuben, born 27 June, 1891; died 4 February, 1951; married 24 June, 1916, Ruth Lewick, daughter of William Gottlieb and Mary Elizabeth Lewick.

v. Catherine R. (Katie R.) born posthumously 10 June, 1861; died 8 March

1887. Unmarried. Katie was raised by the William Schulte family.

7. JOHN TABOR FELDKAMP, born 11 March, 1856., and baptized and confirmed by the Rev. Friedrich Schmidt. He died 17 March, 1938, in his retirement home in Manchester. On 24 March, 1881, he married SUSANNIA FLORADEANA SEYMER, daughter of ANTON FRIEDRICH TOBIAS SEYMER and his wife, the former ANNA MARIA SCHULTE, in her parents' home in Oak Creek, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Anna Maria had emigrated from Schale to Oak Creek in the 1830's probably at the time her parents, JOHAN WILHELM SCHULTE, 1790-1851, and ANNA CATHERINA GERLIG, 1786-1850, came to Freedom Township. Anna Maria's first husband was Heinrich Bertke, another Schale emigrant. John Tabor and Susannia (Tabe and Susan) raised their children on their Sharon farm, now 2440 Manchester Road. In the late 1920's they retired to 216 Grove, Manchester. Susan died 4 July, 1940, at her son Albert's home in Sharon. All children except Anna were born on the Sharon farm and unless otherwise indicated, all burials are in the Rowe Corners Cemetery. They were:

i. Emmet Edgar, 19 February, 1882 - 27 March, 1882.

ii. Edgar Irving, 19 July, 1883 - 3 December, 1887.

iii. Anna Mary, born 7 April, 1885, in Oak Creek, Wisconsin; died 2 January, 1954; married 7 April, 1909, the Rev. Arthur D. Burch, 1885-1958, son of Civil War Veteran Daniel Burch. hhh

iv. Esther Grace, my mother. See 8.

v. Albert Aaron, born 19 February, 1889; died 5 March, 1965 in a St. Johns auto accident; married 4 March, 1914, to Bertha Anna Schlicht, 1892-1980, daughter of William John Schlicht and Lillie Davidter.

vi. Elsi Olive, born 24 October, 1890; died 10 November, 1965; married 9 June, 1915, William John Reno, son of John and Fredericka Koebbe Renau. William Reno, 1889-1963, was a long time Freedom Township Clerk and was descended from two early Freedom families. Elsie buried Koebbe Cemetery.

vii. Anton Tabor, born 2 March, 1893; died 20 July, 1968; married first, 10 June, 1920, Lucie E. Reno, 1893-1938, daughter of John and Fredericka Koebbe Renau; married second, 5 May 1943, Esther Ida Wahr, born 1904 and living in Sharon. Daughter of John George Wahr & Saloma "Mona" or "Minnie" Rehfuss.

viii. Edith May, born 20 August, 1894, died 20 February, 1930; married 9 August, 1917, to Ervin Lloyd Spiegelberg, 1890-1948, son of Adam and Wilhelmina Kathryn Kraushaar.

ix. Etta Bertha, born 22 July, 1898; died 27 September, 1900.

x. Ruth Susannia, born 22 August, 1899; died 14 January, 1953.

xi. Ina Katherine, born 19 February, 1904. Living in Manchester. Married 25 February, 1926 to Erwin Aaron Haeussler, 1900-1973, son of William F. and Adina Feldkamp Haeussler, descendents of two early Freedom families. When Mr. Haeussler retired from his Bethel Church Road farm in 1960, the farm had been in the Haeussler family since 1838, when Jacob F. and Barbara Strieter Haeussler purchased the land from the government.

8. ESTHER GRACE FELDKAMP, born 20 February, 1887; died 10 June, 1949. Buried Oak Grove Cemetery, Manchester. Married 9 August, 1910, to CHARLES WILLIAM LAMMING, 1881-1977, son of THOMAS and ELIZEMAN PARR LAMMING. One daughter, Ragene Elizabeth, born Manchester Township, 1917. Married first, 1942, Dr. Karl Martin Rague', 1917-1945, son of Martha Ziegler and the Rev.

Henry S. von Rague', pastor of Emanuel Church, Manchester. Married second, Dr. Vernon C. Rowland, Jr., son of Helen Aungst and Dr. Vernon C. Rowland, Sr., of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Sources of Information

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Church Books of Reformed / Evangelical Church, Schale, Westfalen, starting in 1716. Research by Dr. David Koss.

"Surname Change in Northwest Germany", The American Genealogist, Vol. 55 # 1, April, 1979, pp 93-99, by Dr. David Koss.

Recke, Westphalia, Evangelische Kirchengemeinde, Pastor Lenir (1980)

Passenger Arrival Records, National Archives (GSA), Washington, D.C.

Washtenaw County Probate Records, Estate # 1747, John Henry Feldkamp; Guardianship # 3905, minor children of John and Catherine Feldkamp.

Baptisms and Marriages of Friedrich Schmidt, Archives of Zion Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor.

Washtenaw County Land Records (read by Margaret Sias)

Personal records of: Ina Feldkamp Haeussler (Mrs. Erwin); Irene FEldkamp Kemner (Mrs. Bernard); Elaine Reno Watson (Mrs. William); Lucille Vogeding Uphause (Mrs. Willis); Col. (ret.) Marjorie Sodt; Dr. James E. Harris; and the late Dorothy Feldkamp Will (Mrs. Curt).

GSWC., especially Harold Jones, Marguerite N. Lambert, Phyllis Jones, Margaret Sias.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 1845 CENSUS FOR FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY

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The original state census of 1845 for Washtenaw County is held in the MHC, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This census names only males over twenty-one years of age.

A. ADAMS, Elijah, James, Nathan; ALDRICH, Samuel, Theodore; ALLEN, John; AUCH, George, Jacob; AYMER, John.

B. BACH, Jacob; BARBOUR, S.C., Solomon; BORTLE, Nelson; BAUCH, Chester, D.; BEACH, Darling; BEDEKAR (BERTKE), Bennett (Bernard), Helman(Herman); BELGER, John; BENNETT, Samuel; BERTKE - see Bedekar; BETTS, John, Uriah, William; BEWES (BUSS?), Peter; BLOOMHART, George; BOGART, Chrisman(?); BOLLINGER, Jacob; BOOS (BUSS?), Castell; BOYDEN, Ebenezer; BREINING, Jacob; BUCKMAN, John; BURGETT (BURGHART), Christian; BUSS, Charles, William, see also Bewes and Boos; BUTLER, Mathew, Michael, Thomas; BUTTERFIELD, E.L.;

C. CHASE, Seth; CHESTER, John; CHRUTCHLEY, John; CLARY, Patrick; CLINE (KLEIN), Peter; COLDUNES (COLDREN?), Mathis; COOK (KOCH?), Jacob (2), COOL (KUHL?), Henry; COOLENCAMP (KUHLENKAMP), Elard; COOSNER, Anthony; CRANE, A.H., Archer, William S.; CRAMER, Adam; CRESS, Adam; CHRIST, Michael; CONDON, John; CURTAN (CUSTAIRE?), Redmond,

D. DEWEY, Charles; DUNN, Jacob, James.

E. EDWARDS, Elijah.

F. FAULKNER, Alexander, Peter; FELCON (FELDKAMP), Henry (2); FIEGEL- see Fugal; FLYNN, James, John; FORCE, Williams; FRICKS, Paul; FUGAL (FIEGEL), George (2), Jacob, William;

G. GALL, John; GILLET, Amos, Jason; GERALDS, Ovel; GRIFFIN, H.M.; GRIFFITH, Riley; GRAY, James; GROSS, Frederick, Jacob, James, John; GROWER (GRAUER?), J.M.; GYNAN (GUINAN), Thomas.

H. HAAB -see Hobbs; HAAS -see Hass; HAFLEY, Henry; HAFFEY(HAFLEY), James; HAIR, Elias, John, Joshua; HAIT (HAIST?), Frederick; HASS (HAAS or HAASS), David, George, Jacob; HEAL (HUEHL?), John; HEBER (HIEBER?), Frederick; HICKS, Ambrose, George W.; HILL, Anson, J.W.: HIST (HAIST), Frederick, Jacob; HOBACHER (HOHBERGER?), George; HOBBS (HAAB), John; HOTBECK (HARTBECK?), Lamber, Fred; HOOPER, Jeremiah; HORNING, Charles; HUEHL - see Heal; HUGHES (also HEWS), Asa, Hiram.

J. JEDELE - see Ludley; JOHNSON, Harley;

K. KAAZ (KEYES?), George; KENT, Daniel, Jacob, John, Philo; KIDELOSS, John; KISH (KEUSCH?), Martin; KLEIN - see Cline; KNAPP, Jacob; KOCH - see Cook- J.G.; KUHL - see Cool; KUHLENKAMP - see Coolencamp.

L. LOBENGUIRE (LAUBENGAYER), F.; LEE, Frederick, Nathaniel; LEWIS, Hiram; LICKNER, Coosner (Coonrod); LIMPERT, Andrew; LINDWIN (?), John; LIST, Berndt; LITCHFIELD, Edward, William; LOWREY, Cornelius; LUDLEY (JEDELE), Jacob; LUECK (LEWICK OR LUICK), Henry; LUKEHART (LUCKHART), Frederick; LYNDONSMITH (LINDENSCHMID), George, Henry.

M. MAGOON, Isaac, Isaac Jr., William; MAGOM(MAGOON), O.C.; MALONEY, Patrick; MANN, Elon, MANT, David; MARTIN, Absylom; MOSIER, Thomas; MATHER, George; MAXWELL, Mathew; McARTHUR, Solomon; McCLUMPHA, T.; McDONALD (McDONNELL), James; McGRATH (McGRAY), James, John; McKENNEY, John; McLANE (McLEAN), Robert; McLEAN (also McCLAINE), Joel, Judah, W.F.; MEAD, Andrew; MERITHEW, J., Simeon, S.W., Stephen; MILLER, J.G., Jacob; MIRES (MYERS), Edward, Henry, John, Michael F., William; MOON, Edward.

N. NIGLE (NAGEL), Frederick; NORDAM (NORDMAN), Henry.

O. OBERMILLER, Adam; OGESLY (OGLEY) (UGELE?) , John; OLMSTEAD, Solomon; OSIUS, William.

P. PECKENS, Alexander; PECKINS (PECKENS), Samuel S.; PERRIN, Jacob; PESCELER(?), Peter; PIERSONS, S.H. (Cyrus?); POLHEYMUS, Arthur, Cornelius, Ed; POONERGER, Matthais; POUCHER, Anthony; PRESTON, Jacob, William.

Q. QUINN, John.

R. RAYMOND, David, George; RAYNOLDS (REYNOLDS), James, Sylvanus; RENAW, Henry; RHOAD, Thomas; RIAN (RYAN), Edward, William; ROADS, Syrenus; ROGERS, Levi; ROHM (ROEHM), Jacob; ROOT, Benjamin, Henry; RYER, James; RYMOLD (REIMOLD), Michael.

S. SCHSHOLDER (SCHULTE?), William; SCOFIELD, D., Ed, Elias, Elnathan; SICKEL, Simon; SEELEY(SALYER?) (SEILER?), Michael; SERVISS, Hiram; SHAFFER, Samuel; SHILLINGER, Andrew; SIBER (SILER?), Michael; SIGNER (SICKINGER?), John; SMITH, George, Henry, John; SNIBACHER, John; SNYDER, Adam, John, John F.; SPEAR, E.R., Z.C.; STABLER, Jacob; STARDUCH (SHATTUCK?), Pholoine; STOLLSTEIMER, Jacob; STREETER, Daniel, J.F., John (3), Jacob.

T. TEMBLE (TEMPLE), Thomas; THOM, John; THOMAS, Levi; TRIGGS, Robert; TRIPP, William; TUCKER, Stephen; TYLER, J.W., James.

V. VANNORMAN, Luke; VOLAND, Herman.

W. WAGNER, John; WALLACE, Henry; WELLMAN, Adam, Jarvis, M.B., Reuben (2); WELLS, Nelson; WHITEMAN (WIGHTMAN), ABRAHAM; WILDE, Jacob, WILDS, Charles; WILSON, George, Robert; WINTON, David.

	Under 10	10-21	21-45	45-72	Over 72	Total
Males	225	130	181	72	9	614
Females	233	134	171	65	5	618
Total number of white persons				1222		
White persons insane				1		
Total number of inhabitants				1222		
Number of white males over 21				262		

SOME NOTES FROM FREEDOM TOWNSHIP 1845 TAX LIST

These names from the township assessment roll do not appear on the 1845 state census.

Residents

Augan, Agnes	Sec 7 & 6
Augan, Agnes & Wellman, A. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ in SW corner (10/40)	Sec 7
Bach, Philip P.	Sec 34
Bement (on Fellows place)	Sec 33
Bengel, Conrad	Sec 11
Betts, Lyman	Sec 2
Blumhart, John G	Sec 27
Bortles, Nicholas	Sec 19
Botsford, Tyler (Erwin's place)	Sec 31
Burgher, Mathias	Sec 15 & 21
Buss, Peter	Sec 25
Butlar, Nathan	Sec 7
Butlar, P. MAthew	Sec 7
Butlar, Pierce	Sec 3 & 7
Campbell, John	Sec 32
Cook, John	Sec 3
Cooper, Widow	Sec 19
Dewey, Allen	Sec 35
Erwin, David	Sec 31
Feldcamp, Henry Jr.	Sec 15
Feldcamp, Widow (L. Morelli place)	Sec 27
Fitzmeir, Michael	Sec 36
Gillett, A & Sandford, C	Sec 32
Gross, Widow	Sec 16
Grosner, Anthony	Sec 27
Grower, Martin	Sec 15 & 10
Haire, E.& Ewing, N.	Sec 21
Haire, Mary	Sec 21
Haist, Jacob	Sec 12
Heydlauff, Widow M.	Sec 24
Hill, John	Sec 17 & 16

Hoberghег, John	Sec 27
Hymendinger, Michael	Sec 13
Immer, John	Sec 22, 23 & 26
Kent, Widow Sophia	Sec 24
Laubenguire, Michael	Sec 16
Lee, N.& Geralds	Sec 3, 9 & 10
McLane, Mrs.	Sec 33
Maser, John F.	Sec 14
Mason, Leyor	Sec 32
Miller, Gottlieb	Sec 26
O'Neil, Edward	Sec 30
Peckens, George	Sec 5 & 7
Polhemus, Jacob	Sec 33
Raymond, James Y.	Sec 7 (?8)
Reynolds, Levi	Sec 20
Rogers, Silas, est.	Sec 9
Roth, Thomas	Sec 14
Rouse, Anthony	Sec 4
Ryan & Butlar	Sec 6
Ryer, John	Sec 25
Sickel, Samuel	Sec 36
Sickinger, Conrad	Sec 23
Sickenger, John	Sec 22
Smith, Peter	Sec 12
Sternbergh, Joseph	Sec 4
Thoop, L.Jacob	Sec 12
Ukele, Christian	Sec 11
Warner, Wm.	Sec 32
Wells, Samuel	Sec 30
Wilson, Jane	Sec 30

Non Residents

Borches, Nicholas	Sec 19
Carpenter,---	Sec 27
Dickerson, Warren	Sec 17
Fellows, Leonard	Sec 31
Geddes, Henry	Sec 14
Heibler,---	Sec 14
Hoag,---	Sec 21
Moore, John	Sec 20 (?)
Morse, Nathan	Sec 19

Paal, Jacob	Sec 10
Potter, James	Sec 7 & 8
Row, Rebecca	Sec 30, 31 & 19
Staring, Philip	Sec 4
Stephenson, Samuel, Dec'd	Sec 17,20,21
Storm,---	Sec 29
Tyler, Asahel	Sec 19
Wheedon (Wheaton?),Wm.	Sec 23

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QUERIES

BILLINGS BLISS CRANE DAMON MORRISON PALMER SCOVILLE WALLACE WARD	Orig of Richard Billings settled Conn. Colony ca 1640 res Hartford CT 20y to Hatfield MA. Samuel, John, Aaron, Chester Billings res Amherst and Hatfield MA 1600-1700's. Chester moved to Wash Co ca 1850. Other fam membs res Marshall and Battle Creek. Russel and Jemima (Crane) Palmer from NY State to Wash Co ca 1840 res Lima Center. Ch: Chester C. b 26 Jun 1816 m K. Caroline Billings b 9 Apr 1819 NY; Desire m Alonzo Ward. Need orig & fam of Russel Palmer. Thomas Wallace b 14 Feb 1860 Beachville, Can, m Clara Palmer 20 Dec 1882 Lima Center MI. Thomas' bros: James in Yale, MI; Morrison and Alexander in Saginaw MI; Russell in Chicago. Int in Thomas' parents, Alexander and Agness (Morrison) Wallace in Scotland. Silvia Damon b 1782 New Bedford MA m Andrew Scoville res Phelpstown NY where Lucia Scoville b 1808 m Daniel Bliss moved to AA 1834. Int in origin of Silvia's parents. ...Stuart Wallace, MD, #174, 304 Jackson Blvd. Savannah GA 31405
BLUM, BOETTNER FELDKAMP HAARER, KUHL KUSTERER LUTZ, NIEHAUS SCHAIBLE STAEBLER	Need all desc of Feldkamps emg from Westphalia to Wash Co 1836 thru 1870's. Esp int in desc from Feldkamp females (see surnames listed) ...Ragene L. Rowland, #112, 2432 Kenilworth Rd.#5 Cleveland Heights OH 44106 and / or Margaret Sias # 119, 650 S. Steinbach Rd., Chelsea MI 48118.
HAIDLOF REICHERT ROEHM	Need ch of John George Roehm b 1798 Bryne Ger & w Mary (Rosina) b 1799 to US 1847. Have several poss ch: Anna Maria m J.J. Reichert, Jacob, Gustavus, Christopher F., George, Christian, William all b bef 1848. How are Johann Jacob Roehm b 1792 Unterdingen Ger w Christina Haidlof b 1792 Guelstein Ger rel to them?
BURKHARDT HEIST LAUBENGAYER STIERLE STOLLSTEIMER	Int in par, bros, sisters of: (1) Agnes Frederika Stierle b 20 Feb 1815 Ger d 15 Dec 1884 Freedom MI m Joh. Jakob Stollsteimer 29 Apr 1841 MI par Jacob & Dorth. (2) Ann Katherine Stierle b 20 Aug 1820/2 Unteraichen Ger d 13 Mar 1891 m Joh. Friedrich Stollsteimer 20 Feb 1845 MI. (3) Jacob Frederick Stierle b 1816 Ger d 6 Dec 1869 Freedom MI m Regina Fredericka Laubengayer 25 Apr 1848 MI. (4) Michael Stierle b 1829 or 19 Jul 1833 d 27 Oct 1891 Saline MI m Eva Dorothea Burkhardt in MI. (5) Joh. Georg Stierle b 1823 m Catherine Heist 28 Mar 1854.
HEIMERDINGER STIERLE STOLLSTEIMER ZAHN	Int in Jacob Stierle b 4 Feb 1791 Ger d 6 Dec 1869 MI w Anna K. Heimerdinger. Ch: (1) Regina b 13 Feb 1831 Ger d 10 Jul 1906 Lodi MI m Joh. Erhardt Stollsteimer 2 Jul 1853. (2) John Frederick Sr. b 13 Aug 1833 d 2 Nov 1899 MI m Mary Christina (Sarah) (Louisa) Zahn res Lodi MI. (3) Charles b 1839 res Lodi MI. Poss other wives and ch. ...Terry Stollsteimer, # 177, 11469 Brownell, Plymouth MI 48170 313/ 453-0673

CARL, CRISPIN
MILLS
SHIPMAN

What is address of Shipman Historical Assoc. and/or add for Rita Shipman, CarL & Angela Shipman Crispin who may have written books about the Shipman family.

...Patricia C. Mills, #5 Lynnwood Park, Tuscaloosa AL 35404

SCHWENGELS
ZEEB

Request came for info re Zeeb Road in Wash Co. GSWC memb Margaret Sias is responding with info re a Zeeb family history. Marlyss' mother was a Zeeb.

...Marlyss J. (Zeeb) Schwengels 470 E 17th Av #2 Eugene OR 97401

PURNEY
ROGERS
VANDERWORP

William C. Rogers m Ida Vanderworp 1870's. Dtrs: Ora, Margaret. Son John Clark Rogers m Nina Purney of Milan 1915. Would like any info or contact with others researching this family.

...Barbara B. Rogers, 3415 Pleasant View Highland MI 48031

DUTCHER
LAMBERT
SMITH

Need bur rec & place of internment Charlotte (Lambert) Dutcher d 1841-45 prob in Commerce Oakland Co MI. She was 2nd w of Daniel Dutcher. He m(1) Lavanchia, an Indian woman; and (3) Mary Lambert (Book 1, p 41, Wash Co Clerk) in Salem Twp Wash Co 20 Apr 1846; res of each listed as Commerce, Oakland Co. Capers edit Nancy Krohn located ref p 238 of "Southwest Commerce" that "Henry Banks" cared for small pox patients at the Dan Dutcher farm near Wixon farm at Sibley's corners. Banks acted as doctor, nurse, and also undertaker for the family. Daniel Dutcher was later in Tuscola Co. Res Comm turned up a good deal of info on another Daniel Dutcher of Ingham Co- appear no relation.

...Roseanne Smith, 1411 South Irena Ave Redondo Beach CA 90277

SHANAHAN

Need info re Ellen Shanahan of Northfield Twp ca 1850. There are two poss Shanahans in the 1850 census, both b Ire and with dtrs named Ellen: (1) John with w Julia, Ch: Hannah, Ellen, Julia, Catharine, John, Agnes, Marette. (2) James with w Ellen, Ch: Edward, Ellen. Int in contacting anyone res Shanahans.

...Lee Ann Shanahan, 250 Ellsworth Lake Gregory MI 48137

SANCHEZ
STONE

Researching Stone fam in SE MI especially before 1870. Would like any info or correspondence re Stones.

...Annette Malia Stone Sanchez 136 W. Aliso Pomona CA 91768

COLE
MILLARD

Warren Millard in AA 1850 census w Minerva to Wash Co from Campbell NY 1845/6. Josiah Millard d 1870 left part of 80a in his will to Rosamond Millard of Mt. Carroll IL. Res Comm could find no probate for Josiah. Warren Probate File # 5260, 1886.

...Mrs. Nancy Cole P.O.Box 48 Spirit Lake IA 51360

HUTZEL
REHFUSS

Godfrey (Gotfried) Rehfuss b Ger 1851 to AA 1866 m Catherine Hutzel (Bk 5, p 205, Wash Co Clerk) 3 Apr 1877 in Lodi Twp. Res Comm located some info for Judy - write to her or GSWC if you are interested.

...Judy Chase Box 393 Monticello UT 84535